

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:	Art Unit: 1634
Yongwei CAO <i>et al.</i>	Examiner: Katherine D. SALMON
Appln. No.: 09/474,435	Atty. Docket: 16517.044
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Title: <i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i> Genome Sequence and Uses Thereof	

**Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants request that the period for filing a response to the final Office Action mailed March 18, 2008 be extended three (3) months from June 18, 2008 to September 18, 2008, by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$1,050 for a three (3) month extension for a large entity. Authorization to charge the \$1,050 extension of time fee is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, other than those provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned and any required fees are authorized.

Respectfully submitted,



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